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MEDIUM

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.111)

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Sir:

This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is submitted in response to an outstanding Office Action dated October 24, 2003, the shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 24, 2004. Accordingly, no Petition or Fee for Extension of time is believed due.

In the event that the Commissioner determines that an extension of time is due, the undersigned hereby petitions for the required extension of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the Milbank deposit account 13-3250 any the required fee for an extension of time.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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